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Prize home to help homeless Sunshine Coast kids

A Buderim BoysTown prize home announced today will raise much needed funds to help homeless Sunshine Coast children and young people.

BoysTown General Manager Counselling Services Wendy Protheroe said the organisation's Kids Helpline service recently reported 16 cases of children and young people on the Sunshine Coast seeking assistance for homelessness.

Kids Helpline's data indicates that family and partner relationships significantly influence youth homelessness, with more than half of callers nationally experiencing difficulties with those close to them.

"While every child who contacts us has their own unique story as to why they choose to leave home, they are all united in a common need to be cared for as an individual, to have a stable home and to have a reliable adult in their lives," Ms Protheroe said.

Buying a ticket in the latest BoysTown's Buderim prize home is a tangible way that people can help kids in need, according to BoysTown's General Manager Fundraising, Mr Keith Coventry.

"BoysTown supporters appreciate the opportunity to help people in need, whilst giving themselves a chance to win a beautiful home for their families," he said.

According to Mr Coventry, the prize home package, worth over \$1.2 million, is arguably one of BoysTown's best ever.

"This beautifully designed home is located in a sought-after area of Buderim Mountain and offers sweeping views from Moreton Island to Caloundra," Mr Coventry said.

"It really has the best of both worlds because you have beautiful bushland on your doorstep but are only 30 minutes' drive from Caloundra's beautiful patrolled beaches, cafes and restaurants."

The two-story, fully furnished contemporary-styled home comprises four large bedrooms and three designer bathrooms. An open plan lounge, dining and kitchen area leads out to an in-ground pool framed by stunning views. The home features two terraces to maximise the views. A state-of-the-art media room and study are also provided.

The prize package, valued at \$1,200,260, includes over \$82,000 worth of furniture and electrical. The home, located at 42 Glasshouse View Court, Buderim, is open for viewing and ticket sales from Wednesday 30 September through to Wednesday 11 November. The draw will take place on Friday 13 November 2009. Tickets are also available via www.boystown.com.au.

Over the years, BoysTown has given away in excess of \$50 million worth of prize homes on the Sunshine Coast. Funds raised go towards helping disadvantaged kids, young people and families across Australia.

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